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What is claimed is:

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1. A method of designing paint for a server computer, comprising the steps of:

10       acquiring color numerical information of a designated color from a client computer connected to the server computer;

      determining ingredients of the paint based on the acquired color numerical information and paint ingredient information;

15       predicting performances of the ingredient-determined paint based on paint performance prediction information; and

      verifying the predicted performances of the ingredient-determined paint.

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25       2. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of converting color information corresponding to a color into the color numerical information.

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      3. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the client computer has a three dimensional color display unit through which the designated color is input.

4. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ingredients of the paint are determined by computer color matching.

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5. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
10 at least one of painting workability, coating film performance, and paint performance is predicted as the performance of the ingredient-determined paint.

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6. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
the color numerical information acquired  
from the client computer is one of a multi angle spectral  
20 reflection factor and a various angle spectral reflection factor.

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7. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
the step of verifying the predicted performances of the  
ingredient-determined paint further comprises the step of  
representing goodness of fit with discrete value between  
30 required performances and the predicted performances of  
the ingredient-determined paint.

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8. A method of producing paint, comprising  
the steps of:

designing the paint as claimed in claim 1;  
and

5 producing the ingredient-determined paint.

10 9. A method of mixing paint ingredients at a  
painting line side based on the determined ingredients  
thereby to form the ingredient-determined paint as claimed  
in claim 1.

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10. A method of painting an object with the  
produced paint as claimed in claim 8.

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11. A method of painting an object with the  
25 mixed paint as claimed in claim 9.

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12. A computer program for causing a  
computer to perform the method of designing paint as  
claimed in claim 1.

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13. A computer readable recording medium  
storing the computer program as claimed in claim 12.

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14. A server computer, comprising:  
an acquiring unit that acquires color  
numerical information of a designated color from a client  
10 computer connected to the server computer;  
a determining unit that determines  
ingredients of the paint based on the acquired color  
numerical information and paint ingredient information;  
a predicting unit that predicts performances  
15 of the ingredient-determined paint based on paint  
performance prediction information; and  
a verifying unit that verifies the predicted  
performances of the ingredient-determined paint.

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15. The server computer as claimed in claim  
14, further comprising a converting unit that converts  
25 color information corresponding to a color into the color  
numerical information.

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16. The server computer as claimed in claim  
14, wherein said verifying unit computes goodness of fit  
of the predicted performances of the ingredient-determined

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paint with reference to required performances stored in a database, and represents the goodness of fit with discrete values.